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Now that England is getting off her war horse and accommodating herself to a more conciliatory mood it is to be hoped that the Venezuelan boundary line may be fixed definitely for the next century.

John Gehr's release from the penitentiary and return to the scene of his depredations seems to have again emboldened the miners to the striking point. When Gehr returned there were many liquid congratulations and much boisterous merry making. Whether this had anything directly to do with the strike or not is uncertain but if not the immediate strike is quite a noticeable coincidence.

In the light of very recent developments the probable relationship of the United States to England at the end of thirty or sixty days from this date is purely speculative and wholly a matter of conjecture. This is none the less true of those within the charmed diplomatic circle that with the fairly well read mass of people. If the flying squadron is bound for American waters for the purpose of protecting the Cuban rights which it is believed Spain is about to cede to Britain, the Eagle and Lion are certain to meet in deadly combat. If recent dispatches are not misleading the United States has already set on foot the most active preparations for war which, if England attempts to take possession of Cuba on any pretext, by Spanish authority or not, is as certain as the national patriotism of our people.

There is much good sense and sound philosophy in this observation by the Minneapolis Times: While we recognize that there may be honest differences of opinion on all subjects of inquiry, and that we should be tolerant of those who differ from us, it does not follow that all opinions are entitled to equal respect. Each is to be judged by itself and on its own merits. We may, and indeed should, dispute the opinion that we believe to be erroneous, that out of the debate the truth may be reached, whatever it may be. But this does not imply intolerance toward those who hold the wrong opinion, especially when we know they are conscientious and have done some honest thinking on the subject. We should rather welcome those who dispute with us because they honestly disagree with us, than the so-called friends who play upon our vanity by pretending to believe all we say.

Plymouth's Growth Gratifying.
The business men of Plymouth held a rousing meeting and banquet Tuesday night, over 200 being present. The affair was given under the auspices of the Business Men's Association and was a brilliant affair. The city has made the largest advancement during the past two years in its history. The growth in population the past year has exceeded that of any previous year. —Valparaiso Star.

Well, we should say yes. And the prospects for the coming year, notwithstanding the excellent growth of the past 12 months, which beyond doubt will exceed any other town in the state of Indiana, are the brightest in our history.

Why should this not be? We have the land; the location; the railroad facilities, branching out toward the four corners of the earth, an intelligent class of people, that desire to see this advancement, and best of all, a Business Men's Association that proposes to make things hum this newly dawned year. Yes, "Plymouth's Growth is Gratifying."

A New Cure.

Just as soon as a good thing is discovered along comes some one else and tries to beat it. Ever since the publication in this paper about the newly discovered consumption cure, reports come in thick and fast. The latest is from the Laporte Argos, who is authority for the report that a man in that locality was miraculously cured of consumption by anointing of oil. The only hope for it to be a truthful tale is the fact that a preacher did the work.

Not Wanted.

Geo. T. Pressler is a young man who has for some time lived in one half of his father's house near Columbia City. For some reason not mentioned in the complaint the old man desired him to vacate the ranch. George refused. The old man tacked a notice upon the door, and for this supposed insult George gave his father a thumping. In court the loving son was considered entirely out of order and fined.

XMAS.

A Subscriber takes Brother Mattingly of the Bourbon Mirror to Task.

It seems that some one of the Bourbon Mirror's subscribers did not appreciate the manner in which Brother Mattingly spoke of Christmas, in using the word Xmas, and in his array of objections alleged that the use of the word Xmas was a light, frivolous and profane reference to one of our most sacred anniversaries. Brother Miner, of the Columbia City Post, in referring to the accusation, says:

"Evidently the subscriber and the editor do not understand that the letter X is the symbol of the cross, alluding to the crucifixion of Christ, and 'Mas' or mass, means simply the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Instead of 'Xmas' being light, frivolous and profane, it is one of the most striking and beautiful symbols of the story of Christ and the cross that could possibly have been conceived."

Center Township Institute.

The Teachers Institute of Center Township met in this city Saturday. Order was called by J. H. Hess. All the teachers but one answered the roll call. The following report was secured for the INDEPENDENT:

After the reading of the minutes of the preceding session, "McMurry's Methods" were presented by Mr. Hite, who used cencentation as a central thought.

Misses Logan and Beckner farther extended the subject by giving various examples of concentrating the different studies.

Miss Disher, being absent, the work assigned her was discussed by institute. Then an exceedingly interesting discussion by all.

The Subject "Grammar" was presented by Mrs. Kleinschmidt who treated it as a science and an art. She put forth the idea that it should be taught as an art instead of a science, as many teach it.

Miss Boss finished the work in which she gave the purpose. Followed by a lively discussion by all present.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. English opened the afternoon session by giving a good explanation of Act III in Shakespeare's Henry VIII. Miss Cole likewise explained Act IV. Mr. Gunder finished the work by explaining Act V. Followed by a lively discussion.

The Subject "Geography" was presented by Mr. Casper and Miss Marsh. Supt. Fish and Prof. Martin being present, gave some good methods of teaching Geography.

Alice Woodbury and Miss Miller discussed the Legislative Department of the State Constitution.

The Subject "Scientific Temperance" was presented by Gertrude Woodbury, Charles Manuwal and Miss Hoover who gave the origin, character and the many injurious effects of alcoholic drinks.

Mr. Fish made several remarks on miscellaneous work.

Assignment of duties.

Number of visitors, six; Mr. Fish, Prof. Martin, Elmer Beckner, Laura Boss, Mr. McCarty and a stranger.

Adjournment.

JACOB H. HESS, Chairman.
PEARL DEACON, Sec.

District Convention.

The republican congressional district convention met today at South Bend. A large number of enthusiastic republicans from the entire district assembled there for the purpose of electing a chairman for this district. This position will be one of importance this year, as the district chairman will be a member of the state central committee, and several prominent and influential republicans are after the position.

Among those who went from Plymouth we might mention, John Wiltfong chairman of the county central committee, Joe Black, Wm. Kendall and J. W. Parks. Other hustling republicans from Argos and Bourbon were in attendance. We note from Fulton county, Geo. Holman, M. L. Essick, C. K. Plank, Marion C. Reiter, Abe Barrett and a Mr. Mulligan, who have an enviable reputation throughout the district.

Its Limits Boundless.

Some people think that it is not essential to laud the advancements and progress of a city. Somehow they have a misconception of the boundless territory the acquirements of a city's growth may reach through the columns of a newspaper. It is not so much for those who live in a town that these words of praise and commendation are uttered, but for those who are looking for a location, and when they read, they reflect; when they reflect, two to one they act; and when they act—well, those are the kind of people we want to help build up our city.

A Great Time Expected.

After considerable delay, the final arrangements for the great event Thursday night have been completed. A dispatch from his "Royal Highness" of the "Orient" has been received stating that in company with a large number of his subjects, he will be in Plymouth Thursday night to welcome all those who desire to worship at his shrine.

Arrangements have been completed to meet at the opera house, and many neighboring towns have consented to help swell the large gathering. Those interested should bear in mind that the work will commence at 7:30 sharp, and should arrange their affairs so as to be present and assist in welcoming the visiting Princes.

Death of John Miltenberger.

From Saturday's Daily.
Those who were personally acquainted with John Miltenberger, were truly surprised to learn this morning that he had been removed from the busy haunts of men by death. One week ago he went home feeling unwell. The symptoms soon developed into lung fever and his sufferings were ended last night.

Mr. Miltenberger has been in Plymouth for a great many years, and for twenty years a trusted employee of Mr. L. Linkenheit, having charge of his grain elevator, and having the complete confidence of his employer.

The deceased, who was about 48 years of age, leaves a wife and four children, two girls and two boys. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Court Notes.

Elmer McKinstry vs. George Varier on account stipulation for settlement filed.

Hamlet Hay Co. vs N. Y. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. action for damages. Set for trial on fifth Monday of March term 1906.

Three I Ry. Co. vs Caroline Knott, et al on change of venue by agreement case certified back to St. Joe Co.

W. S. Rannels et al vs LaFayette Kersnaew Decree quieting plaintiff title.

Chas. Johnson vs estate of John Holm Claim allowed \$66.75.

Birthday Party.

A social gathering was giving at the home of John Miller last evening in honor of the birthday of Peter Miller. The young people present were highly entertained, and an excellent time was had.

Those present were: Martin McNulty, Mike Jeffries, Mike Irwin, Mart Gase, Nathan Blubaugh, C. West, and the Misses Trasa Miller, Dora Keller, Lizzie Keller, Tillie Wade, Emma Flaugherty, Bertha McCarty, Lizzie Molter, and Will Reese, Geo. Krueyer and wife, Chas. Ulrich and wife.

Birthday Party.

Saturday a host of happy little ones assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. North in the southern part of the city, in honor of the sixth birthday of Ford North. Those present were:

Misses—Candice Cummings, Mervie Conner, Grace Ross, Blanche Zimmerman, Ruth Leonard, Hazel Zimmerman, Lois Cressner, Jennie Parks, Esther O'Keefe, Master—Louis Dickinson, Earl Ulrich, Herbert Cunningham, Arthur Dickinson, Vocal Butler, Mildred Harris.

Y. M. C. A.

There was a most profitable and enjoyable meeting of the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. Judge Hess talked of Jerusalem in a manner most captivating and interesting. He described scenes referred to in bible history as they are today and told of his own observations in the sacred city. The music was well rendered and the song service much enjoyed. Judge Hess will continue to his pilgrimages in the holy land for a number of successive Sundays.

He Succeeded.

Not long since the suave Nearpass, editor of the Culver City Herald, set out to induce some one to start a new hardware in his little city. It seems that he has succeeded. It is said that there are four car loads of hardware on track at Culver City waiting to be unloaded as soon as the room it is to occupy can be made ready. There will now be life giving competition infused into that generally quiet and peaceful burg. Editor Nearpass is happy.

Has Erysipelas.

Hon. H. G. Thayer, who was ready to start for New York City Monday was taken ill, and late developments prove it to be a very bad attack of Erysipelas. While the condition of Mr. Thayer is not serious, it has necessitated his foregoing the pleasure of attending to his business in New York.

Slippery Walks.

The change of weather Saturday night has left the sidewalks in a very bad condition. Numerous injurious accidents were witnessed yesterday, and as no bones were broken or the unfortunate seriously hurt, many a hearty laugh was the result.

The Banquet

From Tuesday's Daily.
To night is the long looked for installation work and banquet in connection with the Maccabees. Great preparations have been made and it goes without saying it will be a great success.

St. Thomas Church Item.

The Altar Guild will meet next Monday evening, with Miss Nellie Reeve.

HIBBARD.

January 20, 1896.

Occasional is on the sick list.

John M. Davis and Lawrence Voreis are quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Frank Shepard paid Mrs. H. S. Clifton a Sunday call.

Quite a number of our young people attended the swell ball at the Colonnade. Miss Bertha Listenberger, of Bremen, was the guest of her uncle Peter Listenberger and family last week.

Miss Hattie Stuck was the guest of the Misses Ida and Estella Wilson last Thursday night.

Editor Nearpass was seen on our streets last Friday morning. Dr. Loring, of Burr Oak, paid Hibbard a brief call last Thursday.

Mrs. Elem Hunt is improving slowly. Pearl Rhodes, of Culver City, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Lawson. Miss Mable Lowry was entertained by Gracie Voreis last Sunday.

C. W. Roberts, of Ohio, is the guest of Iden Brook and family this week.

Mrs. Edward Walker has been very sick, but we learn she is much better.

Misses Bertha and Lizzie Listenberger were entertained by Miss Hattie Wilson last Wednesday evening.

Chas. Estes, the old time section foreman for the Vandalia Co. at this junction, severed his connection with them on Saturday the 11th inst. He has secured a situation with the Novelty shops in Plymouth and commenced work there on Monday the 13th. His place is filled by James Ryan, of South Bend, who will move here with his family as soon as he can secure a dwelling house.

Capons.

The price for Capons depends on the size and quality. Any time from this on will do to market them. At this time we can pay for those that will weigh 7 lbs, 7c; 8 lbs, 8c; 9 lbs, 9c; 10 lbs, 10c, and so on. SLIPS, 6c to 8c. Don't feed poultry the day you market it.

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"Ku-Ku," "Bonnie Doon!"
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